

This Week's News

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IRTS Award Nominations

With the 2025 IRTS AGM weekend taking place over the weekend of April 12th and 13th, the IRTS Awards committee is seeking nominations for “Awards for Services to the Society or to Amateur Radio” and “Awards to IRTS members for Other Achievements”. Details of these awards are available at www.irts.ie under the awards section. The deadline for receipt of nominations is today Sunday, March 23rd. Nominations should be sent to the IRTS awards committee by email to awards@irts.ie.

IRTS Exam Board Announces the next HAREC exam

The IRTS Exam Board is pleased to advise that the next HAREC exam will take place on the 17th of May 2025. The location of the exam is the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport, Stockhole Lane, Clonshagh, Co Dublin, K67 X3H5.

Due to expected high numbers, there will be a morning exam and an afternoon exam. The morning exam will commence at 11 a.m. till 1p.m. and the afternoon exam will commence from 2 p.m. till 4p.m. Candidates are advised to state which time suits when making their application.

Please see the licensing section of the IRTS website or contact Mick EI6IKB at IRTS_exams@irts.ie if you need any further information.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

The March meeting of the EI2WRC group will take place on Monday, March 31st at 8 p.m. sharp at the South East Technological University. Netlabs Research and Innovation Building, SETU West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford. The Eircode is X91 WR86. New members or anyone that has an interest in amateur radio or communications in general are very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular very welcome to attend.

With regards to the IRTS Gala Dinner on April 12th, EI2WRC would like to inform people that unless you have a dinner ticket you will be unable to attend. All dinner tickets must be booked and paid for before 4 p.m. on April 8th, 2025. In previous years people could turn up on the day or let the club know the day before they wanted a dinner ticket but due to a change in hotel protocol this is no longer the case.

Whatever number is given to the hotel at close of business on April 8th is the number of people the club is then required to pay for whether or not that amount of people may be in seated for dinner. Likewise, anyone that might have purchased a dinner ticket and needs to get a refund a full refund will be given if you request it before 4 p.m. on April 8th. Unfortunately, requests for refunds cannot be catered for after that deadline.

For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

South Dublin Radio Club AGM

South Dublin Radio Club's AGM will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 29th of April 2025 at Ballyroan community centre on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham. All members are asked to attend.

VHF/Microwave News

The next 145 Alive event is taking place on Saturday, the 12th of April 2025. The coordinators for EI are the IRTS VHF/microwave managers, Keith EI5IN and Denis EI4KH. It is noted that this is the same weekend as the IRTS AGM Weekend. Any further operators interested and available to act as net control stations for the three-hour event on that Saturday are most welcome. You can contact the 145 Alive coordinators for EI via email to [vhf_manager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:vhf_manager@irts.ie).

According to the DX Info Centre, moderate to high tropospheric propagation is expected over Tuesday and Wednesday next and possibly later into the week for EI operators. It is forecast that ducts will extend from Ireland over to continental Europe for several hours. This may provide very interesting DX opportunities for VHF and above operators. For SHF operators, this should hopefully provide favourable conditions for a UK Activity Contest using the 2.3 GHz to 10 GHz bands on Tuesday evening. The event will be held from 19:30 to 22:30 UTC.

Several VHF nets are active each week in EI. Details of these are available on the VHF/UHF/SHF page on irts.ie which is being updated regularly as new information comes in. If you have any input or ideas for the IRTS VHF/microwave management team, you are very welcome to contact them via email to [vhf_manager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:vhf_manager@irts.ie).

February Edition of the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System Newsletter

The February edition of the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System newsletter of 2025 starts with addressing new signals detected in the amateur radio HF bands during the month. These include over the horizon radar signals that according to the report, represent the greatest threat to our allocated spectrum. The free monthly newsletters contain links to recordings of the intruder signals. This is a great resource especially for anyone new to radio and curious about the wide array of signals involved. The newsletters can be downloaded from the monitoring system section at iaru-r1.org.

World Amateur Radio Day 2025

World Amateur Radio Day will occur on April 18th, 2025. It was on this day in 1925 that the International Amateur Radio Union was formed in Paris. This year is therefore a special 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union. Since 1925, the IARU has grown to include 160 member-societies in three regions across the world. Amateur radio operators across the world will take to the airwaves in celebration of the 100th anniversary.

Contest Updates

The next event in the current series of UKIECC 80m contests takes place on Wednesday next, the 26th of March 2025 at 20:00 UTC using CW. The EI5G bonus station will be operated by Tom EI3ER and the G5GEI bonus station will be operated by Mike G4IZZ.

In partnership with the IRTS, RSGB, and the GMDX group, the 2025 UK/EI DX CW contest will take place over the 26th and 27th April 2025. This contest will run for twenty-four hours

from 12:00 UTC on the 26th until 12:00 UTC on the 27th. The mode used will be CW on the 80 to 10 metre bands. Further information about both events may be found at www.ukaiccc.com

The 2025 CQ World-Wide WPX Contest commences next Saturday, March 29th from 00:00 UTC and ends at 23:59 UTC on Sunday the 30th. The mode used is SSB on the 160m, 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, and 10m bands only.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Thanks to everyone for sending items into the weekly IRTS radio news. They are very much appreciated and are a great way to update the rest of the community about activities. If you have any club events, activities, meetings, or other items of interest, you are very welcome to email newsteam /at/ irts.ie with the details. These will be automatically forwarded to the IRTS radio and printed news services. The deadline each week is midnight on Thursdays.

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